date on prevalence of tobacco habit in the country and the relative risk of deaths due to tobacco-related diseases.

Mobile dispensaries

2123. SHRI GOVIND RAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for starting or running mobile dispensaries/ clinics particularly in the rural areas and far off places in hilly and tribal areas for giving medical facilities to people at their door-steps; and

(b) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons for the same and the steps Government propose to take for rendering medical aid to these people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, Eye Care or services are provided through Central Mobile Units and District Mobile Units in the rural and far flung areas including hilly & tribal areas.

Special guidelines have been issued to the States to establish 7.5 per cent of new Sub-Centres in tribal areas; to give further relaxation for setting up sub-Centres, Primary Health Centres in case of tribal hamlets which are 5 kms. away from the available health and family welfare delivery point. Differential population norms are already prescribed for setting up of Sub-centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Centres in tribal and hilly areas.

Enhancing Medical Care in the tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh

2124. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a separate unit in his Ministry to take special care of the health need of tribal population all over the country;

(b) if so, the details of the functioning of this unit;

(c) whether any efforts have been made to enhance the medical care in the tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details of success of the objectives achieved in enhancing medical care in the tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Tribal Development Planning Cell has been created in this Ministry in 1981 to coordinate in the policy, planning and monitoring of the Health Care Schemes for welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In order to provide promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative health care services in the tribal areas in the State, a net work of 824 sub-centres, 116 Primary Health Centres and 17 Community Health Centres have been established till 31-3-1993, on relaxed population norm. Besides this, 25 Allopathic, 38 Ayurvedic, 18 Homoeopathic and 11 Unani dispensaries are also functioning to cater to the health care needs in the tribal area of Andhra Pradesh. All National Health and Family Welfare Programmes are being implemented in the tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh.

बंध्यीकरण के मामले

2125. **श्री जनार्दन यादव :** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश भर में परिवार नियोजन केन्द्रों की संख्या कितनी है ;